Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: It has been engaging the immediate attention of the Government.

Mr. M. Govindan (*Nominated*): With reference to answer to part (c), may I know what proportion the figure 1,45,552 bears to the total population of the affected areas?

Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: The actual percentage has not been worked out. It is seen that a good portion of the people are suffering from malaria. Further, there is discrepancy in the number. Several cases that are reported are entered as new cases. That is an error in the hospital records.

Mr. M. Govindan: May I know why arrangements are not made for finding out genuine malaria cases? The answer given is "These may not all be cases of malaria."

Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: The question is not very clear.

Mr. M. Govindan: If the infection is not new in those areas, I wish to know why arrangements are not made as yet for finding out genuine cases of malaria?

Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: The staff in those localities is limited, and, further, medical men are necessary to diagnose all the cases of fever. Several cases come under influenza particularly during this season. During monsoon, not only malaria but cases of other fevers also occur in those places as elsewhere. Therefore cases reported as fever include all sorts of cases which show a slight rise of temperature.

Mr. M. Govindan: Will the Government be pleased to make arrangements for diagnosing cases of malaria?

Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: Yes, Sir.

Malaria in Mannankandom, Pooyamkutty, Marayur, etc.

40. ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether many people die from malaria every year in places such as Mannankandom, Pooyamkutty Marayur, etc., in North Travancore; and

(*b*) whether enquiries have been made or preventive measures taken in respect of malaria in these places?

Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: (*a*) Government are not aware.

(*b*) No special enquiry has been made nor have any preventive measures been taken.

Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe: മലംപനി പിടിപെട്ടിട്ടുള്ള മന്നാംകണ്ടം പൂയംകുട്ടി, മറയൂർ എന്നീ സ്ഥലങ്ങളും ഡയറക്ടർ ഒരിപ്രാവശ്യമെങ്കിലും സന്ദർശിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: ഞാൻ അവിടെ പല പ്രാവശ്യവും പോയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Firms enjoyiny monazite leases.

41. ***Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the firms enjoying monazite leases and the respective period for which licences have been granted?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Director of Industries*): A *statement is laid on the table.

Ilmenite, Monazite, Zircon, etc., existing in Travancore.

42. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether ilmenite, monazite, zircon, sillimanite, mica and iron are available in Travancore and the places where they are available and the probable quantity;

(*b*) whether the Government have given any contract to remove any of the above said things from Travancore to any person; if so, the terms and the period for which such contracts are given; and

(*c*) whether the Government have analysed and ascertained the various minerals and properties that exist in the sea-coast-sands of Travancore shores?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: (*a*) Yes, excepting iron. The first four along the sea coast in the form of sands. The fifth is mostly found in the neighbourhood of Eraniel.

(*b*) Yes. The terms and the period of the contracts are mostly in accordance with the Rules prescribed for the issue of prospecting licenses and mining leases.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether any enquiry has been conducted to find out whether there is mica in Travancore?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know who conducted the enquiry?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The department.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know when that enquiry was conducted?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Enquiries were conducted even from the beginning of the department. But now we are conducting fresh enquiries.

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